in the Times of India of the 9th February, 1988;

(b) whether target of 175 million MT af food grains by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan is likely to be achieved; and

(c) whether production of protective foods, such as milk, fruits and vegetables will form a special thrust area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) On-going Central SectorjCsntrally Sponsored schemes as well as State Plan will augment protective foods, such as Milk, fruits and vegetable producton in the Country.

Advance warning of drought

2530. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY;
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE *JQ* pieased to state;

0 (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *'Indian Express'* of the 6th February, 1988 wherein it ha$_s$ been stated that the Meteorogical Office had warned Government in June, 1987 it self of the drought of 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government had failed to take measures in time to face the drought inspite of advance warning;

(c) if so, the reaons therefor; ard

(d) what measures Government propose to take to avoid such recurrence in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (a) No news item about advance warning given by ... logical Department appeared in the ... Express' New Delhi Edition of ... ruary, 1988. However, this news ... in this paper on 16th February, ...

Indian Meteorological Depart... not warn the Government of ... June 1987 about the drought of ...

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Schemes for the Welfare of th... Sections

2531. SHRI PUTTAPAGA ... KRISHNA: Will the Minister ... FARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total plan outlay fo... mes for welfare of the weaker ... the society in Delhi during the ... years;

(b) the actual utilisation of ... on this account during the ... ; and

(c) what steps Government ... take to increase the rate of ... such funds?

THE DEPUTY MINIST... MINISTRY OF WELFARE ... SUMATI ORAON): (a) ... the information furnished b... the total plan outlay for th... the welfare of weaker ... society in Delhi during the ... to 1987-88 was as follows:—

1985-86	:	Rs. 30.39
1986-87	:	Rs. 40.78
1987-88	:	Rs. 47.53

(b) Expenditure is incur... ment of Administration and ... us bodies of the Admini... Grant-in-aid. The total ex... red and funds released a... as follows:—

1985-86	:	Rs. 31.5...
1986-87	:	Rs. 40.8...
1987-88 (likely)	:	Rs. 47.5...

(c) Funds were utilised ...